



# ADVENT EVANGELICAL *Lutheran Church*

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

9:00 AM



## *Service of the Word*



Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Welcome Visitors! Discover god's abundant grace and love.

*We extend a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. We give thanks that you are here with us. Please sign our guest book and come back to worship with us again.*

## We Gather in Jesus' Name

*Prelude (a time for silent meditation)*

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
Whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,

All you who are weary

And are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen**

**Gathering Hymn: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

**LBW 221**

- 1** Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- 2** With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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**Greeting**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** The word is near you,

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

**P:** If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**P:** Faith comes from what is heard,

**C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

## ***Prayer of the Day***

P: Let us pray...

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## **The Reading of God's Word**

### ***First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9***

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18***

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**'I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: “You Raise Me Up”**

**1** When I am down, and oh my soul so weary  
When troubles come, and my heart  
burdened be  
Then I am still and wait here in the silence  
Until you come and sit awhile with me

**2** There is no life, no life without its hunger  
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly  
But when you come, and I am filled with  
wonder  
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity  
**Chorus x2**

**Chorus**

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains  
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong when I am on your shoulders  
You raise me up to more than I can be

**Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe In the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Each petition ends with: God of grace,*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**The Offering** Please leave your offering by scanning the QR code  
or on our website: <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/adventrichboro>



## Thanksgiving for the Word

P: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

### *Lord's Prayer*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

# Sending

## Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Sending Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

## Dismissal

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

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## OUR MISSION

- + To **gather** as God's people and nurture one another
  - + To **know** the Word of God
  - + To **grow** in faith, love, and service
- + To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ

## SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader  
 Preacher  
 Music Director  
 Lay Reader  
 Fellowship Time

George Henry  
 Bruce Eklund  
 Michael Dettra  
 Jeanne Gryszka  
 Open

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Cindy Frey, in honor of the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of her granddaughter, Emily.

### Mission Support

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

Attendance for Sunday, June 21, 2026, 9:00 AM

**Total: 30** In-person attendance: 28 Online attendance: 2

## Communion Reminder

The Worship and Music Committee would like to remind the congregation that those going forward to the altar for communion have a few options. There is gluten-free bread in the small clear glass bowl, and white grape juice for those who prefer. Just let the Pastor or assistant know your preference.

## Call for Worship Assistants



Advent needs volunteers to assist with worship services! Training is provided for those interested in serving as Lay Reader, Communion Assistant, Acolyte or Greeter. Volunteers can also assist behind the scenes with set up prior to services. Contact Kristi Ward for more information: [kward1411@yahoo.com](mailto:kward1411@yahoo.com) or 215-284-2669.

## Dedications for Sunday Services

*Payments for dedications may be made using the marked envelopes by the sign-up charts.*

*Please place payment in the offering plate or mail payment to the church at  
 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954.*

*Please write check to **Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
 and write **Altar Flowers** or **Mission Support** in the memo line on your check.*

### **Altar Flowers Chart**

The Flower Chart to dedicate altar flowers each Sunday is on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$25 per bouquet, and you are welcome to take the flowers home following the late service. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529

### **Mission Support**

The Mission Support Chart is available for sign up on the table in the narthex. Mission Support Dedication donations benefit our sister church, Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion, which does vital work in North Philadelphia. Dedication donations are \$25. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529

### **Donations for Fellowship Time**

Fellowship Time is held Sundays directly following the 9:00 AM service. The sign-up sheet to provide refreshments for Fellowship Time is available in the narthex on the refreshment table. Advent supplies hot beverages and paper products.

*If you are looking for a way to assist with Fellowship Time but do not have the time or ability to bake or shop for snacks, please consider donating a few dollars.*

### **Prayer Chain**

The Prayer Chain is a group of volunteers at Advent who pray every day, confidentially, for people added to the Prayer Chain. Names are maintained for one month unless asked to be removed earlier. To add names to the Prayer Chain:

- ✦ Complete a Prayer Request Card found in the pews of the sanctuary. Please place completed cards in the offering plate, or
- ✦ Submit names by email directly to Linda Weaver at [lindaweaver3@comcast.net](mailto:lindaweaver3@comcast.net).

*If you would like to be a Prayer Chain volunteer, please contact Linda Weaver.*

### **Drive-in & Drop-off Food Collection – Warminster Food Bank**

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank and the church is not open, just drive into the parking lot and drop off the food inside the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. Check their website for the most current needs: [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

### **Recycling Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities**

We are still collecting aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Your contribution will benefit the families staying in this wonderful facility while their loved one undergoes medical care nearby. United Scrap Metal recyclers weigh the donation of aluminum tabs to determine their value, based on the average value of around \$.75/pound of tabs. They then send Ronald McDonald House Charities/Philly a check for the total amount, which directly benefits the families. Tabs can be placed in the marked containers in the narthex, on the shelf above the coat rack. No cans, please – just tabs!

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Monday, July 13, through Thursday, July 16, 9:00 AM to Noon – Register soon!**

Explore outer space at Advent Vacation Bible School! You will learn to **shine your light** as we celebrate space exploration while we also explore the Bible. From Monday, July 13, through Thursday, July 16, children age 4 through completion of 6th grade are encouraged to attend and invite their friends. We will have Bible lessons, music, games and crafts, plus snack and outdoor playtime: Fun with friends - old and new, who will be SO happy to see YOU!

The VBS registration form is available on the church website and by request via email from the church office at [adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com](mailto:adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com). Hard copies are also available in the narthex. Please register **by June 30** to allow time for teachers to gather items for our students.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**  
**“WORSHIP MATTERS” PROGRAM**

Thursday Night Bible Study is on hiatus until July, when Pastor Matt will begin the "Worship Matters" program. Details are below.

**"Worship Matters"**

**Beginning Sunday, July 19, at 10:30 AM,**

**continuing on Thursdays, July 23 through August 13, at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

Pastor Matt will lead a 5-part educational program on the importance of worship and the purpose and patterns in Lutheran worship. The intention of this program is to develop a richer understanding of the foundations and practices of Lutheran worship and to connect that understanding to God in our daily lives: at home, in our communities, and in the world.

The program will begin on **Sunday, July 19**, after 9:00 AM worship (in person and via Zoom, at 10:30 AM) and continue via Zoom on the following four **Thursdays, at 7:00 PM: July 23 and 30, August 6 and 13**.

**Participant books** for the Worship Matters program will be ordered by the office. If you would like to reserve a copy, there is a [sign-up sheet](#) in the narthex or [contact the church office](#) (phone or email) **no later than June 30**. Suggested donation to cover the cost of the book and shipping is \$9.00.

**Advent Needs Your Help with Ministry Brainstorming!**

We are seeking new ministry ideas this summer! With the help of the Ministry Brainstorm Packet, **we encourage you to complete the ministry worksheet** to help brainstorm new ministry ideas. The Ministry Brainstorm Packet includes information supplied by the congregation, as well as information received through community leader interviews and demographic studies. The Ministry Brainstorm Packet and Worksheet were emailed to the congregation and are also available in hardcopy in the narthex.

When you complete the ministry worksheet, please place it in the labeled folder on the table in the narthex. You can also email or mail it to the church office.

I can't wait to see what wonderful, impactful ministries that the Holy Spirit will inspire us to begin!

## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

*The church office is closed  
until Wednesday, July 1.*

### **SUNDAY, June 28**

#### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:00 AM Service of the Word  
with no Communion
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

### **MONDAY, June 29**

- 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

### **THURSDAY, July 2**

*No Zoom Bible Study*

### **FRIDAY, July 3**

- 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting



### **SATURDAY, July 4**

#### **Happy Birthday, America!**

### **SUNDAY, July 5**

#### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:00 AM Summer Worship Service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

### **CONTACTING PASTOR MATT**

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call his cell at 215-859-3778 or email him at [pastormattolikainen@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattolikainen@gmail.com). If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

Pastor Matt will be on vacation from **Wednesday, June 24** to **Tuesday, June 30**. If you have a pastoral emergency while Pastor is away, please contact **Rev. Sandra Brown**, at **215-680-3972** or [brownsj@msn.com](mailto:brownsj@msn.com).